

REMARKS

Applicant herein presents a new set of claims for further examination in this application.

Claim 1 has been cancelled and replaced by new independent Claim 25. Claim 2 has been previously cancelled. New Claims 26 and 27 have been added to provide more comprehensive protection for certain aspects of the invention. Claims 3, 9, 19, and 22 have been amended to depend from new Claim 25. Also, the preambles of Claims 18-24 have been amended to conform with new Claim 25, and certain evident minor amendments have been made for reasons of grammar and consistency. The new claims and amendments to existing claims are fully supported by the specification as filed and the original claims.

If the previous requirement for election of species and Applicant's response thereto should be deemed to remain in effect for continued examination, the Examiner is advised that Claims 25, 27, and 3-7 read on the previously elected species.

A further action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16

and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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